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GREER'S "ULTIMATUM."

The Record refers to Greer's offer of an option to the city on the Leonard property at \$5,000 as an "ultimatum."

Greer issued no ultimatum on the subject. He took an option on the property for his Los Angeles associates. He thought the city needed the property and was willing to turn it to the city instead of the Los Angeles people, if the city wanted it. Greer made no formal request of the city council to take it. He simply advertised that the city was given an option on it till April 20, so that in future years, when the property has grown valuable, this same knocking sheet could not logically make the claim that Greer ran in under the city when it was about to purchase the property and took it away from the city.

He thought he had done enough when he advertised that the property would be held for the city, without making further formal offer. The council had a perfect right either to consider the matter favorably, or unfavorably, or not at all. That was not Mr. Greer's business, and he is not complaining because the council did not see fit to consider it.

In regard to the price, Mr. Greer did not say what price he paid for the property, but, to satisfy the spleen of the knocking sheet, we will simply state that the price made to the city is exactly the price at which the property is being taken over by the Los Angeles people.

If the plans are carried out, and they no doubt will be, unless discouraged by the knocking sheet and its satellites, some \$50,000 will be expended on the property in amusement buildings and equipment. Was not the \$175,000 voted for the enterprise by the people invested in the hope of inducing new capital, new investment and new blood—in short, new taxable values?

From the best information we have been able to obtain it requires an investment of about two million dollars to make a high-class watering resort. The writer has been working on the theory that only about two hundred and fifty thousand in all could be furnished by the city of Ashland. The balance must be made up from private investment in the sort of things demanded by such an undertaking. Those most interested in the advancement of the city have been figuring day and night how private capital could be induced to make the investments necessary to the complete success of the undertaking. They have met with some success. In fact, when the people who have their money behind the Leonard property project consented to invest in Ashland, we congratulated our good fortune in securing them. We thought everybody would be delighted and admit our surprise at the attitude taken against the enterprise and those who forwarded it, by a do-nothing newspaper, with no enterprise and less standing in the community.

One thing, however, we are exceedingly gratified to relate. The people of Ashland have shown their confidence in the Tidings and its editor by building the largest circulation for it that the Tidings has enjoyed in its history. Since January first, 1916, more than two hundred new subscriptions have come in, and many of them, in subscribing for this paper, have stated that they were former subscribers to the Record, but had grown tired of its attitude against the springs, and those who have worked hard to forward the undertaking, and therefore were discontinuing their subscription to the Record to take this paper. The fact that the Tidings has four subscribers for every one supplied by the Record shows which way the wind is blowing.

ing. It is a compliment we sincerely appreciate and inspires the Tidings editor to persevere in the springs work in spite of insendo and villification by a person who has made no special effort to put the city of his adoption forward, but, on the contrary, has let no opportunity slip to encourage and foster whatever opposition that could be aroused against the undertaking.

CLERK GARDNER FOLLOWING PROPER COURSE.

In registering foreign-born citizens County Clerk Gardner is following the law as construed by the attorney general of the state of Oregon. That is eminently the proper course for the county clerk to pursue, even though it does work a hardship on some citizens who have been voting for a number of years.

It is indeed dangerous to free government when county officers attempt to administer law according to popular whim instead of the intent of the law-making power, or attempts to create law to meet an exigency.

Mr. Gardner did not make the law. It is not one of his official functions to construe law according to his idea of what it should be. He simply administers it as he finds it, according to the construction of the highest official legal authority of the state. In doing that unfortunately an apparent injustice has fallen upon several old residents and former voters. All of which Mr. Gardner no doubt deplors, but is unable to change.

George Putnam, of the Medford Mail Tribune, has raised a loud clamor because Gardner refused to construe the law contrary to the opinion of the attorney general. He pretends to weep loud and long at the injustice to old residents. We sympathize with dear George in his bereavement, and were it not that we are fully aware that having to make the lowest bid on county printing, under the Gardner administration, is the thing that really brings the tears to George's eyes, we might cry with him. However, the Tidings is perfectly willing to bid for the work and thinks Gardner is absolutely correct in protecting the taxpayer against the exorbitant prices charged by the Medford hermaphrodite—democratic-republican organ—Sun-Mail-Tribune, coming and going, newspaper combination. Of course those political dope organs will howl, but their abuse will give them little comfort in the end, and strengthen Gardner with the people.

THE GAME OF PARTISAN TAG.

It is truly amusing to see the Medford "close corporation" newspapers playing partisan tag with the public. The Sun, chiefly owned by GEORGE PUTNAM, and the official organ of the Jackson county republican machine, takes a "hands off" attitude in the republican primary, while the Mail-Tribune, owned by GEORGE PUTNAM, proceeds to hop onto and pummel the republican candidates who have not proven subservient to the newspaper combination in the hope of defeating them in the republican primary. Some combination, that. If it does not succeed in getting the Jackson county printing, without competition, and at its own price, it won't be its fault. Mr. Taxpayer, what do you think about it?

Should any recalcitrant republican candidate be nominated at the primary in spite of that combination, then GEORGE PUTNAM, with his hermaphrodite Mail-Tribune, will proceed to put a democratic candidate in the field against him and beat him at the general election. Great combination, that.

But, how about you republican candidates who are running in good faith for county officers. Did you know when you started, what you were up against? Don't you think it about time to take the power of the republican organization away from that sort of a combination.

THE GRAVE DIGGER'S SHOVEL.

In an incident wherein a number of citizens were engaged in building a neighborhood tennis court it is reported that "oddly enough, the editor of the Record was armed with a short-handled grave digger's shovel." There is nothing odd, that we can perceive, about the editor of that sheet being armed with grave digger's implements. He has wielded a grave digger's hammer on Ashland for several months past, and if his work with his grave digger's shovel had no more effect on the tennis court than his hammer has had on the city's best enterprises and those who are engaged in forwarding them, we conclude that tennis court will not be completed in a thousand years.

Yamhill county has let two bridge contracts, one for \$12,528 and one for \$10,792.

Talks With Screen-Struck Girls



Beatriz Michelena

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In this same observation we may find a very good reason why the girl who aspires to be a picture actress should be most careful of her step. She may be sure that her smallest indiscretion will be magnified many fold. It is all very well to declare that we don't care what people say so long as it isn't true, but the fact remains that the malignant weight of gossip and insinuation, though it be false, is often the thing that snags a girl's moral fiber. Many a girl has

IN MY last "talk" I tried to answer a girl who wanted to know why so many people had a bad name for picture actresses. I told her, you remember, that it was because people were usually looking for the bad in others and, just because the picture folk were so much in the limelight, they had the better opportunity to find there what little there was and to elaborate upon it.

crumpled before the finger of suspicion.

Another thing to remember in this same connection is that, because of the foolish gossip about picture people, there are a lot of half-brain men who have come to a conclusion that they may take any liberty they wish with a girl, so long as she is a film actress, and, I am sorry to say, there are a few thoughtless girls who encourage this opinion through what they term "harmless flirtations."

I would ask these girls to remember that picture acting demands just as much dignity and respect as any other profession, and, if they do not treat it so, they are playing false to it and to their sisters in the work.

These "harmless flirtations" have always made me boil. It isn't that I'm narrow or "picky" about such things, but, as a usual thing, the very attitude and state of mind of the man in these affairs are an insult to a girl's intelligence. There is no conceit so presumptuous as that of the man flirt. He carries a supercilious air of superiority and treats the girl as a mental nonentity.

Why must girls encourage him in it?

REPUBLICAN PARTY ORGANIZATION.

The main question to be settled at the May 19th republican primary is whether the party is to become fully representative of the large majority of republican voters in Jackson county or fall utterly under the domination of machine boss manipulators.

The old republican machine is now in full action. The success of the republican state ticket at the last election gave the old manipulators new hope and they at once got busy in an effort to control the party machinery in future elections. The late results indicated that republicans were weary of electing democratic officials. It concluded its opportunity at hand. Within two months after the new governor was inaugurated the old bosses started a movement to rejuvenate the machine in every county in the state. For several years the party machine, having no hope under the primary system and democratic sway, had been destitute and shattered. Now it saw a new star. There had been no regular party committeemen for a long time. It proceeded to get together a few of the old standbys—tried and true—who knew the game and were versed in machine tricks. It "organized" and began to make a noise like a lion that smelled meat. Its members were all past masters at the game under the old convention system, but under the primary law they could hardly raise enough enthusiasm to supply oil to the rusty wagon. Behold, while the bosses fumed and sweated the art of the game had changed and the power automatically slipped from the few to the many—the people were handling for themselves their machinery of government. And the bosses do not yet understand it. Heretofore the members of the party machine had been hand-picked. Why not the new committee be selected in the same manner? Capital thought, thought they, so at once they picked out a complete slate composed only of "the old guard"—not a republican who had ventured into the "bull moose" camp was considered—even those who liked the primary system were tabooed—only those counted by the bosses "regular" were invited into the inner circle, and a full slate of county committeemen—committeemen who would not fail to commit to the boss, of course—were set up as candidates in the May primaries.

Now, it appears, the bosses figured without their host. The vote of recent years—especially the vote in

the election of 1912—indicated beyond dispute that more than two-thirds of the republican voting strength in Oregon had followed off the big bull moose—no less in Jackson county—and when that majority found itself entirely ignored in the new effort at party organization it aroused itself and began to wonder whether it was absolutely necessary that the tail should wag the dog. They seem to have concluded it was not. The tail, under the old convention system, had been wagging the dog time beyond memory—wagging it without mercy—until the dog was thoroughly in the soup and special privilege and private advantage had run off with the poor dog's bone. Tails, they remembered, were useful appendages when properly employed, but they were never made to wag the dog. So the progressives, about two-thirds of the republican voters in Jackson county, concluded that if there was to be a party organization it should be representative of the majority, and entered the primary election with a progressive committeeman from each precinct.

That is where the matter now stands. A progressive county committeeman in each precinct against a standpatter. The republican primaries this year will be lively. The progressive republicans seem determined that the tail shall assume its proper relation.

The Tidings, of course, stands with the progressives.

Make the republican party machinery thoroughly representative. Quit arbitrary methods and boss rule and the republican party in southern Oregon will become a harbinger of good government; confidence will be restored in it; democratic dominance will be a thing of the past and the party will take its place where every progressive republican hopes to see it, as the dominant and respected political organization of Jackson county. May the majority win and wholesome, economical and efficient government grow out of it. The primary is the proper place to fight it out.

The following committeemen will appear on the ticket of the Ashland precincts:

Progressive.
North Ashland, Louis Werth.
Northwest Ashland, Homer Billings.
Ashland West Central, V. O. N. Smith.
Ashland Central, H. A. Baney.
Ashland Oak, C. B. Lamkin.
East Ashland, C. W. Fraley.
Ashland Boulevard, W. H. Gowdy.
Southeast Ashland, O. F. Carson.
Bellevue, W. L. Moore.
Standpat.
North Ashland, T. H. Simpson.
Northwest Ashland, no candidate.
Ashland West Central, no candidate.
Ashland Central, A. H. Pracht.
Ashland Oak, J. Ed Thornton.
East Ashland, no candidate.
Ashland East Main, no candidate.
Ashland Boulevard, J. G. Hurt.
Southeast Ashland, no candidate.

The S. P. & S. railroad contemplates building a double track drawbridge at Youngs Bay, near Astoria.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE SPRINGS WATER COMMISSION Week Ending April 21, 1916.

Date.	Vr. No.	Name of Party Issued to and Items.	Amount.
4-14	1891	M. J. McAllister, damages account pipeline.....	150.00
	1892	J. W. McDonough, damages account pipeline.....	200.99
	1893	Beebe & Kinney, 1 1/2 yds. oilcloth.....	.38
	1894	Void.....	
	1895	Southern Pacific Co., freight on culvert.....	1.25
4-15	1896	C. H. Metcalf, on account April salary as auditor.....	5.00
	1897	S. Updegraff, board for Engineer Phillips for week.....	5.00
	1898	Jordan Electric Co.	10.05
		Install light at fountain.....	.50
		2 100-watt lamps.....	1.30
		10 30-ampere fuses.....	2.25
		10 50-ampere fuses.....	3.15
		4 15-ampere fuses.....	.90
		2 60-watt lamps.....	.70
		10 ft. cord.....	.30
		2 attachment plugs.....	.50
		1 lamp guard.....	.35
		2 fuse plugs.....	.10
		Total.....	\$10.05
	1899	Jordan Electric Co., lights at depot fountain.....	30.00
	1900	F. E. Rosecrans, 48 hrs. labor at \$3 day.....	17.94
	1901	F. Crowson, 48 hrs. labor at \$2.50 day.....	14.94
	1902	T. T. Reeder, repairing English property account pipeline.....	5.00
	1903	M. Morgan, 3 loads manure.....	6.00
	1904	N. Long and team, 11 hrs. labor at \$4 day.....	5.48
	1905	C. A. Shotts, 40 hrs. labor at \$2 day.....	9.95
	1906	O. F. Glick, 32 hrs. labor at \$2 day.....	7.96
	1907	E. E. Kenyon, 32 hrs. labor at \$2 day.....	7.96
	1908	J. C. Ferguson, 33 hrs. labor at \$2 day.....	8.20
	1909	L. M. Eagon, 33 hrs. labor at \$2 day.....	8.20
	1910	H. N. Stratton, 40 hrs. labor at \$2 day.....	9.95
	1911	F. Hendrix, 36 hrs. labor at \$2 day.....	8.95
	1912	J. Galbraith, 40 hrs. labor at \$2.50 day.....	12.45
4-17	1913	R. C. Porter, detective work account depredations in park.....	5.00
	1914	Coast Culvert & Flume Co., 16 ft. 9 in. culvert.....	12.00
	1915	C. B. Lamkin, services in settling pipeline damages.....	3.00
4-19	1916	Mina P. Baylis, damages account pipeline.....	20.00
	1917	A. F. Berkley, damages account pipeline.....	20.00
	1918	Ashland Printing Co., publishing financial statement 4-17-16, 126 lines at 5c.....	6.30
	1919	J. Hart, auto hire taking tourists through park.....	1.00
	1920	Globe Consolidated Supply Co., 5 cases toilet paper.....	39.19
	1921	C. F. Bates, freight and cartage on benches.....	53.14
	1922	J. M. Dodge, 4 1/2 days labor at soda well at \$3.....	13.50
		Use of engine 2 days at \$2.....	4.00
		1 journal box for pump rig.....	1.00
		Total.....	\$18.50
	1923	Louis Dodge, 8 hrs. labor at \$2.50 day.....	2.50
	1924	N. Larsen, 4 hrs. labor at \$2 day.....	1.00
	1925	Crane Co., 2 pressure gauges.....	3.15
4-20	1926	Southern Pacific Co.59
		Freight on fittings.....	\$0.25
		Freight on lubricating oil.....	.34
		Total.....	\$0.59
4-21	1927	P. H. Graves, salary as park supervisor month ending 4-21-16.....	100.00
	1928	Individual Drinking Cup Co., 5,000 paper cups.....	32.50
		Total.....	\$842.53
Funds.			
	Publicity.	Operating.	Finishing.
Balance last report.....	\$ 881.58	\$ 290.14	\$2,243.94
Transferred from Finishing to Park Improvement Fund.....			77.38
Transferred from Camp Ground to Operating.....		27.55	
	\$ 881.58	\$ 317.69	\$2,166.56
Disbursed as above.....	1.00	44.14	311.18
Balance this date.....	\$ 880.58	\$ 273.55	\$1,855.38
Balance last report.....		Incidental.	Park Imp.
Transferred from Finishing to Park Imp. Fund.....		\$2,192.15	\$ 320.55
		77.38	
Disbursed as above.....		\$2,192.15	\$ 397.93
		88.28	397.93
Balance this date.....		\$2,103.87	0.00
All other funds same as last reported.			
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